ask for confirmation whether such a statement was made and then pursue it with questions tabled in the House. I think that would be helpful.

MR. CHAIRMAN : The hon. Member has not supplied the newspaper cutting which he has referred to. If all on a sudden it is thrown at the face of the Hon. Minister, he cannot reply to it.

SRI MOHAMED RAZA KHAN : Rules permitting and with the latitude of the Hon. Chairman, may I submit it to-morrow?

MR. CHAIRMAN : I have always been very lenient to the hon. Member and given him enough latitude.

DR. A. SREENIVASAN : The institution is called the College of Integrated Medicine. What is the thing that is being integrated? I would like to know that from the Hon. Minister.

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : The integration is that of the allopathic and the Indian systems of medicine.

DR. A. SREENIVASAN : If that be the case, if the Hon. Minister has gone through the syllabus of the institution, he will be knowing that two-thirds of it is modern medicine and only one-third of it is indigenous medicine. How can integration of that type do good to the public health of this country?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : It is also integration to a smaller extent, though not to the full extent. (Laughter)

Resignation of doctors

* 88 *Q.*—SRI MOHAMED RAZA KHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to place on the table of the House a list of doctors in the Madras Medical Service who resigned in 1957, 1958 and up to 31st May 1959 together with the years of service of each doctor?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : A statement[a] is placed on the table of the House.

SRI MOHAMED RAZA KHAN : May I know the reason which made so many doctors submit the resignation, particularly doctors with service in the hospital ranging between twelve years and four years and service of a few months also? What are the special reasons for so many doctors resigning their job in the City of Madras?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : I shall narrate some of the reasons. Some resigned to take up other jobs. Others were unwilling to serve in the primary health centres. Therefore, they resigned their job. Still others resigned their job to take up higher studies. Still others resigned as they were unwilling to go and serve in rural areas. Eight have given up the appointment in order to take up other appointments. For all these various reasons they resigned.

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[a] Printed as Appendix II on pages 205-207 infra.

DR. A. SREENIVASAN : Is the unattractive nature of the salary offered to these people one of the causes for the resignation of very many of these officers?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : That may also be another reason.

SRI MOHAMED RAZA KHAN : In the year 1959 within a span of two or three months, eleven doctors with a record of service of six years, two years and even ten years and eleven months have resigned merely because the Director of Medical Services insisted that either they should go out or there would be no chance for them in the City of Madras?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : As regards the year 1959, twelve have resigned for private reasons, two for pursuing higher studies, eight for taking up other appointments and the rest due to reluctance to serve in the rural areas.

SRI MOHAMED RAZA KHAN : While I appreciate the fact that the Director of Medical Services was very strong on these issues, namely, that when doctors were transferred, they should accept the transfer and that no influence from any quarter would make any difference, still when doctors go to the Director of Medical Services directly and explain their difficulties, should not the Director appreciate their difficulties and think of changing the orders and should he go on insisting that they should go out of Madras or the alternative is resignation for them?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : I should think that where the circumstances are such that they should be appreciated, they will be appreciated and where they are not appreciated, they are dropped and ignored.

SRI MOHAMED RAZA KHAN : Is the Hon. Minister aware that the doctors had gone directly to the Director of Medical Services and explained their difficulties and that even when they requested for grant of leave for one or two months, the leave was refused without leaving them any alternative except to submit their resignation and walk out of the hospitals? 3-10 p.m.

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : No, Sir, requests for one or two months' leave or extension of leave will have to be taken into consideration only along with the exigencies of service and all that. The officer had to post somebody and there were so many hospitals without doctors which had to be immediately manned with doctors. So, there are all sorts of difficulties.

DR. A. SREENIVASAN : Is there any chance of favouritism having played some part in these transfers of doctors to primary health centres? People who have obtained classes in their examinations have been transferred and people with no class have been kept in big hospitals.

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : No, Sir, I am not aware of any such thing.

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DR. A. SREENIVASAN: Will the Hon. Minister make an enquiry about it? Particularly, highly qualified people, people with high ranking passes have been posted to primary health centres while people without any rank whatsoever, people who passed the examination after seven or eight years have been retained in the big hospitals?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU: No, Sir. The difficulty is that it is not as if all people who have passed with high ranks have been posted to the primary health centres. There are also people, who have not passed with high ranks, posted to these centres. If there are one or two people among them who have passed with high ranks, it should not be taken that all people who passed with high ranks have been posted to the primary health centres. There are also people who have not passed with high ranks.

DR. A. SREENIVASAN: Is it not in the interest of at least the teaching institutions and the Government also to post such people who have passed with high rank?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU: Yes, Sir, as far as possible, that is also borne in mind. And further, it is also in the interest of the doctors themselves, a little experience in the mofussil will do them good. With that object, they might have been posted to these centres.

SRI MOHAMED RAZA KHAN: While agreeing with the Hon. Minister that doctors serving in Madras for more than three or four years should be transferred to the mofussil, may I point out that there are still in Madras doctors who have put in a service of eight to ten years and who have not been touched—a number of such cases could be mentioned—and could the Minister enquire into the matter?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU: Certain doctors in the mofussil have complained to me that they have been working in the mofussil for a long time and that they have not been given a chance to come over to the City, while, on the other hand, in the City there are doctors who are serving here for a number of years. So, in order to provide for these people who had been doing service in the mofussil, and give them a chance to come to the City, they might have been transferred.

SRI MOHAMED RAZA KHAN: After all, the doctors are Gazetted Officers and the resignations of these doctors should have gone to the Hon. Minister in charge. When so many resignations came, was it not incumbent on the Hon. Minister in charge to enquire into the reasons why doctors resigned in such large numbers?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU: Yes, I looked into it and when these reasons were there, I was satisfied.

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Sri MOHAMED RAZA KHAN: May I know whether at least in future any policy would be evolved which would eliminate this heart-burning among the doctors in the matter of transfers, namely, that people are retained in Madras for a long time or that they are suddenly transferred to the mofussil?

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU: Whatever we might do, still there will be heart-burning among some people. There is no way of stopping that sort of heart-burning.

Vidwan T. MUTHUKANNAPPAN: சில பெண் டாக்டர்களும் ராஜினாமா செய்திருக்கிறார்கள் என்று இந்தப் பட்டியலிலிருந்து தெரிகிறது. கல்யாணம் செய்துகொண்டதன் காரணமாக அவர்களில் யாராவது ராஜினாமா செய்துவிட்டார்களா?

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU: அந்த மாதிரியும் உண்டு. (சிரிப்பு) யார் என்று கேட்டால் பதில் சொல்ல இப்போது தகவல் இல்லை.

Handloom Week Celebrations.

* 84 (*S.N.*) Q.—Sri S. K. SAMBANDHAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the dates for Handloom Week Celebrations during this year have been changed; and

(*b*) if so, whether it has been done with the consent of this Government?

The Hon. Sri R. VENKATARAMAN: (*a*) Yes, Sir.

(*b*) This Government was not consulted in the matter.

Sri S. K. SAMBANDHAN: Previously the Handloom Week Celebrations were held in the month of February and in view of the appeals made by the people of Tamil Nad, it was decided to have them in the first week of January and Government agreed to this. Why should Government change it? In the future at least will the Hon. Minister make it sure that it will be celebrated in the first week of January?

The Hon. Sri R. VENKATARAMAN: The change in the date has proved a blessing to the weavers in the Madras State because they got the rebate not only during the Pongal season but during the Handloom Week Celebrations also.

Sri S. K. SAMBANDHAN: Will it not be more convenient for the people to make the purchases before the Pongal? The sales will be more if the celebrations are held before Pongal.

The Hon. Sri R. VENKATARAMAN: The purpose of having the Handloom Week celebrated is to give a greater rebate to the purchaser so that he may be able to purchase more. The Government of Madras have made it a policy to encourage sales by granting these rebates. Whether the purchase is made during the Pongal season or during the Handloom Week Celebrations does not matter when people make their purchases.